

REMARKS

Claim 45 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 48. Previously pending claim 48 was rejected *inter alia* based on Yamamura. However, no basis for the rejection of claim 48 is pointed out. Since no basis was pointed out, it could only be concluded that this is an error.

Likewise, claim 48 was also rejected as being anticipated by Heo. Again, no basis for the rejection was set forth and, therefore, it must be concluded to have been an error.

Similarly, claim 48 was rejected based on Nielsen. Still once more, no basis for the rejection of claim 48 was provided.

In each of these cases, claim 48 was also rejected over these references in combination with other references. Thus, it is relatively clear that the rejection was in error as it applies to Section 102. Correction is requested.

With respect to the rejection under Section 102 based on Hibi, it is asserted that Hibi teaches means for concatenating a series of reported replays. But Hibi shows nothing about how you would concatenate replays, nor does he provide any means to do so. There most certainly is nothing that would automatically concatenate a series of replays. The cited material in Figure 16 shows, in the case of Figure 16A, a series of different cassettes and what is stored thereon. No way is indicated as to how one would automatically concatenate replays. Likewise, Figure 16B shows a program search screen but, again, no means for automatically concatenating a replay is anywhere indicated. For example, with respect to Figure 16A, it is indicated in the text at column 24, lines 40-48, that that screen is merely used "for selecting a cassette having a desired program from a plurality of cassette tapes." This does not teach automatically concatenating or means for doing so.

Similarly, in the next paragraph, it is indicated that Figure 16B shows the use of a multi-screen. With a multi-screen it is not seen even why one would want to concatenate replays. Certainly, nothing is set forth therein about any reason or way to automatically concatenate replays. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection based on Hibi is requested.

The cited reference to Ottesen merely records, in a matrix, all of the one second portions making up a video of two hours. Thus, there are 7200 one second videos making up a two hour video in the intended sequence. There are no replays that were separately recorded and then

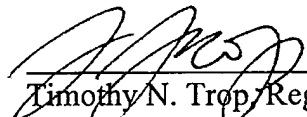
concatenated. Thus, neither Ottesen or any other reference teaches any reason to detect characteristics, record a series of replays in response to the detection of those characteristics, and then to concatenate those replays.

All Lee teaches is a technique for locating scenes of interest. There is no automatic concatenation of those sequences. Therefore, the combination that includes Lee still fails to meet claim 45 as amended.

Therefore, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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